



By the Queene.



Here in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties Raigne, amongst other things, there was one Acte and Statute made, intituled an Acte against vsurie, which Acte was then made to continue for, and during the space of five yeeres next after the end of the said Parliament, and from the end of the said five yeeres, to the end of the first Session of the Parliament then next ensuing, as by the same Acte more at large it doth appeare. And forasmuch as the said five yeeres were ended and expired in the eighteenth yeere of her Maiesties raigne, during the time of the second session of this present Parliament begun at Westminster in the fourteenth yeere of her Maiesties raigne, and by diuers prorogations yet continuing: therefore some doubts and questions haue bin lately moued, whether the said Act & Statute should continue but vnto the end of the last Session of this present Parliament, which in deed was the third Session of the said Parliament begun in the said 14. yeere of her Maiesties raigne, and first holden after the ende of the sayde five yeeres, or else vnto the end of the first Session of the next Parliament that hereafter shall fortune to be newly summoned. wherfore her Highnesse considering that such doubts and questions being moued and spread abroad, may breed some troubles and many inconueniences amongst her louing Subiects, hath therefore thought good to vse the aduise of her Judges and Counsell learned therein. And finding plainly by their opinions that the said Acte and Statute was not determined or expired at the end of the said last Session of Parliament, but doeth yet stand in full strength and force vntill the end of the first Session of the next Parliament, which hereafter shall fortune to be newly summoned: Doeth now by the aduise of her Maiesties priue Counsell for the auoiding of all troubles that by the occasion of such fryuolous questions might hereafter ensue, notifie and declare by this her Maiesties Proclamation, to all her louing subiects, that the said Acte and Statute doeth and shall continue and remaine in ful force and effect, vntill the end of the first Session of the next Parliament, which hereafter shall fortune to be newly summoned. And so willet and straightly chargeth and commandeth all and euery her said subiects, to accept of it as a lawe, yet standing in full force according to the good meaning thereof, without any such doubts or questions thereupon hereafter to be had, made, or moued by any person or persons whatsoeuer, in any of her Highnesse courts of Record or els where.

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God saue the Queene.

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